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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

ATTENTION :

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SUBJECT : Letter from Fubini to Bross regarding
FMSAC

1. Subject letter, dated 19 December, is attached as enclosure 1. I understand the letter follows a couple of meetings between Dr. Fubini and Mr. Bross which occurred after FMSAC briefings to DIA and DOD personnel.

2. The wording of this letter is subject to a great deal of interpretation but the tone seems rather clear. DOD feels that there is need for improvement in the missile and space analysis effort but are delaying any sincere discussions until their internal review is complete. I think this letter is just part of the delaying tactic. Even though the Director's letter to the Secretary of Defense stated that he had made a decision and that FMSAC had been activated, Fubini still tends to talk about the matter as if no action had been taken.

3. From the limited inputs I have had from DOD within the past week, I feel sure that the DOD internal review, scheduled for completion 30 January, will state that the Soviet Missile and Astronautics Center at Fort Meade will satisfy intelligence community requirements, and thus indirectly conclude that FMSAC is unnecessary. Some briefing notes regarding SMAC are attached as enclosure 2.

4. I recommend that no written reply be made to the subject letter since we have provided reasonable answers to the question raised. I further recommend that we try to get some verbal understanding with Fubini before further attempts to deal with DIA or NSA since it appears that Gen. Carroll and Gen. Blake have very little choice as to their positions.

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Attachments: a/s

OSD review(s) completed.